

# FW190s NOW USED AS NIGHT FIGHTERS

## Raiding Lancaster gets one

Express Air Reporter BASIL CARDEW  
**BOMBER** crews returning from Monday night's attack on Frankfurt and Wiesbaden reported seeing large numbers of Focke-Wulf 190 fighters patrolling over the targets.

### 8 JAP SHIPS HIT

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but would expect a renewed attack in greater strength, mounted probably from the nearest main Jap naval bases—1,200 miles to the north, in the Marshall and Caroline Islands.

Truk, Yap and Jaluit are the principal of these bases. There are also Ponape and Pelow.

Despite the heavy weather of the monsoon the Japs have had time since the U.S. assaults on the Solomons, to bring naval reinforcements even from Singapore and Tokyo Bay.

Presence of transports in the Jap fleet suggests that troops have also been brought for the counter-attack.

Flying Fortresses first singled out the largest carrier of this fleet, reporting four direct hits with heavy bombs.

### CARRIER DAMAGED

Carrier-borne bombers—first hint of the presence of heavy units in the Pacific task force—brought the smaller enemy aircraft-carrier Ryuzo, of 7,100 tons, which normally carries 600 men and 24 planes.

This carrier was severely damaged. Hits were made, no doubt, with torpedoes as well as bombs.

Other U.S. heavy bombers damaged and set on fire the American aircraft carrier, the USS Yorktown.

Fast light units of the Jap fleet raced on while the battleships and carriers fought the American air attacks.

Evading contact with Gormley's advance forces, the fast, modern Jap destroyers attacked and bombarded American shore positions.

Next morning land-based American bombers set an enemy cruiser and a transport on fire north of Guadalcanar.

### NOTHING OFFICIAL

No official news of the battle has reached Washington since then.

Assuming that the Japs' counter-stroke fleet would inevitably be stronger than their striking force routed in the battle of the Coral Sea, the "fixing" of a battleship, two carriers and four cruisers, before any surface action could begin is a magnificent start.

It may almost outweigh the superior balance of strength which the enemy would seek to provide when deliberately challenging the Allied South-west Pacific Fleet.

Strength of this fleet is secret, but it is almost wholly American. U.S. forces have now sunk six of the 15 aircraft carriers and sea-plane tenders with which Japan began the war.

Late last night the Japanese High Command was still silent. No enemy account of the battle has been given.

This is the first time the Germans have used their newest fighter as a night fighter. Its debut as such was not impressive, for a Lancaster shot one down over the outskirts of Frankfurt.

Six Wellingtons, all from one squadron, which met eleven night-fighters, all got away without damage.

Appearance of the F.W.190 in night fighting suggests that the Germans are making every effort to strengthen their defences against the R.A.F. hammerings.

The plane, with its 1,600-horse-power radial engine, is apparently not yet being produced in sufficient quantities to reinforce the Russian front as well as the Western Front. The Dieppe raid accounted for many of them.

### "Significant"

Greater production, therefore, is badly needed to reinforce Sperrle's forces in France and the Low Countries; diversion of even some of them to protect Germany is significant.

As Frankfurt is well inland—about 400 miles of flying from Britain—the indications are that the F.W. night fighters were not suddenly switched from bases in occupied territory but were stationed in the area.

To cover with this new fighter all the targets the R.A.F. is likely to attack in Germany in the next few months, the Luftwaffe would need to divert many hundreds from other duties.

They are already being used as tip-and-run bombers against Britain, as interceptors over France and as shipping raiders in the North Sea and Channel.

### Bad weather

A strong force of our bombers attacked Frankfurt and Wiesbaden and the loss of 10 is not a high percentage of the total.

Wiesbaden has not previously been mentioned in an R.A.F. communiqué. It was attacked as part of the lateral plan to disorganize Frankfurt. Wiesbaden is west of its bigger neighbour and sits on a river water and rail communications with Frankfurt.

Weather was bad for raiding. Bright moonlight shone on low cloud which helped the German night fighters to find the silhouettes of the bombers. One front gunner saw more than a dozen fighters circling above the flak over the target.

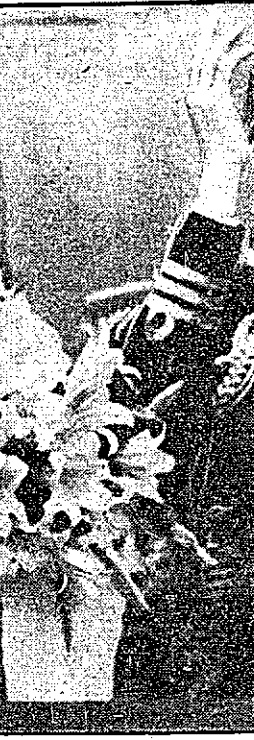
But our men started many great fires and bombed with high explosives after the incendiaries.

Our fighters did some successful train wrecking in the Low Countries as a diversion.

### Awards to R.A.M.C.

CAIRO, Tuesday.—The immediate award of 19 Military Crosses and 12 Military Medals to R.A.M.C. men in the Middle East is announced.—Exchange.

# THE DUKE OF KENT—BOY, BRIDEGROOM, FATHER



THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO—Then he was Prince George, aged five, sitting for a studio portrait in a sailor suit.

## DUKE OF KENT WAS THE FIRST ROYAL ATLANTIC FLIER

THE DUKE OF KENT was the first member of the Royal Family to fly the Atlantic. He had flown thousands of miles under war conditions in a plane equipped for battle with enemy aircraft.

For some time he had been making extensive but little-publicised air trips as a means of speedy transit.

When he joined the R.A.F. in 1940 he relinquished the rank of Air Vice-Marshal so that he should not be senior to experienced officers with whom he had to work in his capacity of welfare officer. He reverted to the rank of group captain, and later became an Air Commodore.

It was in July last year that he made a secret flight to Canada in a Liberator—four-engine American bomber—to inspect the Empire air training schools. The crossing took eight hours.

During the flight, the Duke, who held a pilot's licence, spent part of the time in the cockpit. He learned to pilot a machine in 1930, and lost none of his enthusiasm for flying when three years ago he was involved in a plane mishap at Dyce airfield, Aberdeen.

Wing Commander Fielden was taking the machine across the Channel, increasing speed before hitting when one of the wheels became bogged. The plane spun round, seemed likely to capsize, and shortly stopped.

But the Duke stepped out of the plane, lit a cigarette, and smiled. Since that experience he had flown to various R.A.F. stations and training fields all over the country.

As long ago as 1930 the Duke (then Prince George) said, "I not only take a keen interest in flying myself, but I am also a firm believer in the great future that is in store for this means of transport."

The occasion was the opening of Bristol's airport, first municipal airport in the country, and the Duke flew there from London to open it.

Six years later, when he was made permanent Grand Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Mechanics, the Duke, Emperor, he said, "Mastery of the air can be the greatest blessing or the greatest danger to mankind."

He was the first to make in October 1929, when he flew from Sunningdale to Hull to open a civic and Empire week.

In 1934 the Duke was spending a holiday in Greece. Five days after his arrival, he sent a messenger

## 80,000 cadets can go to college

Boys of the Army Cadet Force will be able to improve their educational standards for civilian employment.

Government expenditure on a technical training scheme is announced last night.

This scheme allows up to 80,000 cadets to take a technical education course, including English, science, mathematics and working drawing and practice, while they are in the Army.

At the end of a two-year course, the cadets will be able to go to a senior institute or college to qualify as Army tradesmen. Successful cadets can claim fees for both courses from the Government.

## Italians "caught" listening to B.B.C.

BERNE, Tuesday.—At a Lake Como bathing beach Italian police discovered eight individuals listening with radio apparatus to the B.B.C. records.

The police also found "records of British and American music, which apparently these people cannot do without."

The eight Italians were described as "fascist sympathisers" and records seized.—Reuter.

## Chinese win 16 towns in 8 days

From PETER BURCHETT  
KIANGSI FRONT, Tuesday.—By the capture of Changshan, the strategic railway city, the Japs have suffered their heaviest blow, and the Chinese army are within seven miles of the "bomb Tokyo" airfield at Chuhshien.

Two more Jap-held towns—Tengchiu and Sankiangkou—fell to General Chiang Kai-shek's armies today.

An eight-day offensive has already recaptured 16 towns and advanced 300 miles in Kiangsi Province.

The vice-commander of the third war area, with whom I dined last night, said he was certain that Changshan and all other cities in Chuhkiang would soon be recaptured.

Almost the whole railway has been cleared, although the Japs have removed the rails in Chuhkiang.

The Chinese tactics—allowing the enemy to extend himself in attacking—proved successful.

The Japs went forward like a hot knife cutting ice, not noticing that the ice closed in behind again.

One Chinese spearhead is advancing along the branch railway towards the treaty port of Wuchow.

Troops have already reached Lishui and are storming the city.

## Stalingrad

FROM PAGE ONE

spearhead of a panzer force, after driving in a wedge, had been cut off by flank attacks from the supporting infantry.

Many tanks were destroyed and said Moscow, the remaining force was facing annihilation.

Two panzer columns, each 100 strong, made the attack.

Reinforcements were brought up during the night. At dawn, they moved forward with motorised infantry and air support.

One column ran on to the minefields, but the second continued through the Russian lines until it reached the Soviet guns, which opened fire when the tanks were only 25 yards away.

Russian sappers went over the battlefield dragging mines in the path of the tanks.

But the tanks drove on until the flank attacks were launched and the following infantry were cut off.

It is estimated that the Germans are estimated to have tank superiority of two or three to one.

In Stalingrad itself the citizens, like those of Moscow, and Leningrad in the hope of petrol, are working at full pressure despite many attacks by the Luftwaffe.

The port is working throughout the 24 hours, receiving oil and food from the south, and arms and ammunition from the north.

The city's tank and ammunition factories are all out, too.

Civilians and soldiers are building fortifications and tank traps at the approaches to the city.

Inside the Don elbow itself the Russians are still fighting hard around Kozlovka in a gallant rear-guard action.

As far as possible the western bank is being held.

Germans in Spain  
MADRID, Tuesday.—Four members of the German mission to Spain concerning the German four-year plan have called for a conference on Spain's Atlantic coast.—Reuter.

## Laval abolishes Parliament

VICHY, Tuesday.—A decree by Laval and Petain has abolished the Senate and Chamber of Deputies in France's Parliament as permanent bodies. They will not meet again, unless specially called.—B.U.P.

France has, in fact, been governed without Parliament since 1940 without Parliament since 1940.

## JOINED NAVY AT 13

When Prince George Edward Alexander Edmund was born on December 20, 1902, his father wished him to carry on the family tradition of a "Sailor Prince."

Accordingly, Prince George entered the Royal Naval Training College at Dartmouth, at the age of 13 months before his 14th birthday.

He passed out as a midshipman in 1921, and spent eight years as a serving officer, seeing service with the Mediterranean Fleet, the Home Fleet, the China Squadron, and on the America and West Indies Station.

But ill-health and a not over-strong constitution forced him, much against his own wish, to relinquish a naval career in March 1929.

He was attached to the Foreign

## 'MAY I MARRY' MESSAGE

It was in November 1934 that the Duke was married to Princess Marina, youngest daughter of Prince and Princess Nicholas of Greece. The ceremony in Westminster Abbey was broadcast throughout Europe, the Empire, and North and South America.

Princess Marina and the Duke had then known each other for five years. His first met in London when the Princess was on a private visit here.

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## FLASHBACK

AUGUST 26, 1917  
Germans used flame-throwers in an attack on British positions near the Ypres-Means road. They recaptured the north-west of Inverness Copse, but were driven out by a counter-attack.

## 1941

ARK ROYAL planes dropped 500 fire-bombs on the city of Cagliari, north-west of Sassari, the Germans claimed the capture of the town.

The German air force, the Luftwaffe, had captured the city on the Adriatic coast.

## Big Game wins, is now 5-1 Leger chance

By THE SCOUT

NEWMARKET, Tuesday.—Royal colt Big Game demonstrated today he is still the best middle-distance colt. Even had Derby winner Waiting Street been in the small Champion Stakes field, Big Game would probably have been the same.

Big Game is now only a 5-1 favourite in the Leger (Sept. 12). Before the Champion he had once been beaten at eleven, with royal filly Sub Charlie a 7-2 chance.

Afterthought set a fairly good gallop and was always going better than expected, who will doubtless be a different proposition on Leger Day.

Ulli could not carry through his bold effort and was re-passed a head by Afterthought one and a half lengths behind Big Game, whose success might have been more pronounced had Gordon Richards' presence his challenge a bit longer, and look could his return and looked behind near the post.

The winner did all expected of a brilliant performer, but the race still, to my mind, left standing "the."

## SHAKEN UP

Lady Sybil, very subdued, was not in her best sparkling mood. She had to be shaken up to win the Oaks by a length after Samovar had once again proved his favour.

Now for tomorrow's big "open-to-all" double, for which the Aga Khan has arranged a series of races in the (Nunthorpe) and Nettleham (Middle Park).

Ulli did not altogether like Nasrullah's way of galloping when he had practically a walk-over race on Straight Don, who has gone on improving since Nasrullah beat him in the Coventry.

Victory Torch may also be nearer now, and I know staying Fortunate Lady colt and Harroway, and also the two fillies.

## NEWMARKET PROBABLES AND JOCKEYS

Table listing probable horses and jockeys for various races at Newmarket. Includes columns for race name, horse name, and jockey name.

## WINNERS AND PRICES

Table listing winners and prices for various races at Newmarket. Includes columns for race name, winner name, and price.

## SATURDAY SOCCER

Table listing Saturday soccer fixtures and results. Includes columns for home team, away team, and score.

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